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THE WEATHER
 Oregon, Washington and Idaho—Generally fair.
PORTLAND'S MURDERS.

The Oregon metropolis is growing rapidly and paying the penalty of that growth. She is furnishing forth some of the foulest murders of the day, with almost schedule regularity and a frequency that is not the least dreadful feature of the situation.

The Finch-Fisher affair is as near a climax of this ultra wickedness as has ever been turned out there, and its perpetrator is without a leg to stand on as to cause, justification or appeal. The whole State revolts at the cowardly deed and anathematizes the doer of it. And if a hanging does not come out of Portland pretty soon, it will have a reputation deservedly foul.

It is presumed that the city pays enough, in all conscience, for the maintenance and effectiveness of its policing and its courts and there should be some returns on this huge investment; something, to make murder less feasible, less promising, less popular; something to indicate what the law and its courts are there for.

The courts of Multnomah have a case now that invites their peculiar concern. One of its servants, a champion of the law, has been deliberately and coldly shot to death by another of its servants and champions, thus bringing the crucial interest in the event directly home to bench, bar and office and necessitating the unswerving play of the balances, since the law must stand for its own honor as well as for its terrible violation.

The people of Oregon will watch this case with vital interest, consider-

ing what is involved and the jeopardy confronting this high phase of its boasted civilization. We are not asking that Murderer Finch hang, out of hand; but we are asking that he be given the fullest "pound of flesh" ever exacted, and yielded, in an Oregon court.

DOMAIN, AND DOMINION.

There is a nice distinction in these terms; one that Astorians will do well to study closely, this week, and use in weighing the critical employment of their franchise, next week.

The legal and recorded boundaries of Astoria constitute its domain; the homes and lands and lots and blocks; the buildings, improvements, fixtures and appurtenances to the homes, businesses, and permanent investments there, owned in fee, by the people in severalty, stand for the substance and quality of that domain; and the merging of those private interests into a communal whole, under the universal sanction of the owners and the protection and direction of the law, marks and limits that domain.

Dominion over that domain consists of the right to govern, protect, and serve it, under the law, for the separate, and the common, advantage, of every soul at interest, in such manner as to create the least possible loss, burden, imposition or injustice. The people themselves must ordain the policies that are to control and conserve their property and privileges, and name the men to carry them out. And in the doing of this grave work they deputize their own primary function in large measures to their servants and representatives, passing the direct dominion on to hands presumably able and honest and confiding their massed interests to the staff of agents they believe will do the best with the trust.

The question to be decided one week from Wednesday, by our people, is: Has the 'Citizens' administration, during its long lease of authority, done what was best? Has the quadrupling of the municipal debt, the obliteration of property-values, and the practical confiscation of the lesser holdings here, conserved the general interest and made for the peace, success and financial advantage of the city? Will they conserve it any further by committing the community to the policies they stand for and which must plunge Astoria into a very maelstrom of non-essential debt? The answer must be made.

PUBLICITY, THE CURE.

There are those to whom the candid and fearless discussion of public, and quasi-public, men, and measures, in the columns of this paper, of late, is an affront, an outrage, a menace, and a sore inconvenience. We regret this element of the situation, since we would rather keep our friends, but it emphasizes and justifies the usefulness and real popularity of the course we are pursuing. There is no cure for public ills like honest publicity; and in America everywhere, it is becoming the scourge of the bad servant and the incompetent, in politics, and out of it. The press has always been the hand-maiden of the law, and the law cannot dispense with its service yet awhile.

No public journal likes to make a business of exposing its city's local shortcomings; but the safety and progressive advantage of the community demand the unequivocal exposition of every fallacy and wrong that besets it. To do less than we are doing would be dishonest; and as the oldest, leading, most influential paper in this field, we intend to route out the dubious facts and publish them, until there is a radical and redemptory sentiment aroused and an alert interest manifest in the actual good of the city.

The one blatant circumstance of a small struggling city like Astoria laboring and groaning under an exorbitant, and needless, public indebtedness of over a million dollars, is ample to nullify the widest and frankest inquiry and declaration; especially, when the party and people who have piled this menacing load on the city, stand brazenly for reelection and, as brazenly, committed to the doubling of the annihilating charge.

We aver that such a policy is ruinous; that the credit of Astoria cannot stand the strain; that her resources and businesses and values are inadequate to such a drain; that her people must check the trend to civic extravagance, or pay the penalty of bankruptcy, complete, and shameful.

OUR TREATY WITH THE MODERN JAPANESE

CLEVERLY DISCUSSED BY AN ASTORIAN WHO STUDIES THE QUESTIONS DEEPLY.

The following thoughtful and interesting article, upon a vital subject, is well worth the reading, not only of Astorians, but of all Pacific coasters; for the day may come when its suggestions will be painfully and unavailingly; and, again, it may not. Whatever shall eventuate, Mr. Pohl's conclusions are always of certain concern, because he is a thinker:

"There are, according to the papers, five articles in the new American-Japanese treaty; let us see what they are:

"Art. 2. Mutual disclaimer of any aggressive design."

"Could any nation do otherwise, unless she were courting war?"

"Art. 1. Mutual encouragement of free and peaceful development of Pacific."

"The American commerce has practically disappeared from the Pacific and is superseded mostly by the Japanese insofar as it was carried on under the Stars and Stripes."

"Art. 3. Consists of two parts, Part 1. Definition of policy as directed to the maintenance of the status quo."

"This is virtually a repetition of Art. 2 with the addition to maintain the same also against a third party."

"Part 2. Equal opportunity for commerce and industry in China. We have that guarantee in our direct treaty with China, can any one see how the Japs could help us when they are, themselves boycotted. Perhaps we can help them break the boycott."

"Art. 4. Resolved that we respect the territorial possessions in the Pacific of each other."

"Already covered in Art. 2 and 3."

"Art. 5. To support by all peaceful means the independence and integrity of China and equal commercial opportunity for all nations."

"Would refer to Manchuria and Korea where the same promises have been repeatedly made and broken at every opportunity."

"Art. 6. If the status quo or the principle of equal opportunity is threatened the two nations are to consult, arrive at an agreement and act together."

"This article is aimed at a third power. Does any one know of any such power? All want the open door in China and all are pledged to its maintenance. But should a third power get into a controversy with Japan about any of the present possessions; suppose Russia should undertake to recapture Sag-haun for instance."

"But you may say Japan must also defend our possessions; let us see, no one threatens them now, only England, Germany, France or Japan could threaten them."

"A war with either England, Germany or France even if it came about over our Pacific Islands would be fought out on the Atlantic; if we were successful we would not need Japan, if we were defeated does any one think we would get off so cheap that the Islands of the Pacific would pay the bill?"

"Then what benefit is this secret treaty with Japan?"

"First—It places Japan on easy street, in this, her time of commercial stringency?"

"Second—It helps her credit by making it appear that she is a peace-loving country at a time when her credit is nearly exhausted."

"Third—It gives her ample time to complete her naval program and more fully establish her supremacy in the Pacific."

"Fourth—It eliminates any interference on the part of the United States with present conditions in Korea and Manchuria where there is no equal opportunity."

"Fifth—It has or at least may have a bad effect on congress, giving those who oppose a large navy a very strong argument by saying why should we spend such a large amount for armament, everyone is our friend."

"Sixth—It will have the tendency to concentrate what fleet we have on the Atlantic coast."

"All indications point to the probability that before the Panama Canal is finished the matter of the supremacy over the Pacific will have been settled for a long time to come, think of the handicap with our fleet located in the Atlantic."

"All in all, the benefit to the United States is slight, the benefit to Japan cannot be measured; verily the Japs are good diplomats as well as fighters."

"WM. C. A. POHL."

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